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## N. Kaibab closing some forest roads

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The Kaibab National Forest is closing about 20 percent of forest roads on the North Kaibab Ranger District.

The closures are in line with national directives to ban cross-country driving and establish designated roads.

About 95 percent of the area will remain within 1 mile of an open road, the agency stated.

Car campers will be limited to within 30 feet of most roads, except for 796 campsites, and some corridors where camping 300 feet off the road will be allowed. Free maps will spell out what roads are open.

The closures come in response to a 2005 Forest Service directive to ban cross-country driving on forests across the country, and similar regulations have already been enacted on the southern districts of the Kaibab near Tusayan and Williams, and across the Coconino National Forest.

People will still be able to use vehicles to retrieve bison, elk or firewood, the Kaibab National Forest stated.

The Center for Biological Diversity disliked that point, saying most other states had limited using vehicles for retrieving big game to within a few hundred feet of the road.

“We are struggling to understand why Arizona’s hunters need special treatment,” said the group’s Cyndi Tuell.